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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2004 is given in the annex to the present document. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2004 should be the representative of a member of the Western European and other States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 8 January 2004 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

By its decision 2003/314, the Council decided to defer consideration of the item "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B: consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2003", to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in 2004.

Documentation

Consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2003 (E/2003/90 and Add.1)

Sustainable development

By its decision 2003/316, the Council decided to defer consideration of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session and chapter I.B of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development in its eleventh session to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in 2004.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (E/2003/33, chap. IV)

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (E/2003/29, chap. I.B)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: Vunlerability profile of Maldives (E/2003/CRP.6)

Statistics

By its decision 2003/317, the Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session to the organizational session of the Council in 2004.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (E/2003/24)

Non-governmental organizations

By its decision 2003/278, the Council authorized the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to hold a resumed session in order to complete the work of its 2003 session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed session of 2003

Request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations

By its decision 2002/208, the Council decided to defer to its resumed organizational session its consideration of a draft proposal to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2002 the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system. At the substantive session of the Council in 2003, a letter from the organization was received but no action was taken.

Documentation

Letter dated 6 June 2003 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2004/6)

Ad Hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict: Guinea-Bissau

Pursuant to Council resolution 2003/53, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the organizational session of the Council in 2004 and to provide an assessment of its work through a report to be submitted to the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

Ad Hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict: Burundi

Pursuant to Council resolution 2003/16 and Council decision 2003/311, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to submit a report on its recommendations to the Council at its organizational session of 2004.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2004 and 2005 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2003/287, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2004 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010".

In the same decision, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2004 would be devoted to consideration of the following themes:

(a) "Review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system".

(b) "Coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promote rural development in developing countries with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2004.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2004 and 2005 (E/2004/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2004 (E/2004/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2004

	Term expires on 31 December
Armenia	2006
Australia	2004
Azerbaijan	2005
Bangladesh	2006
Belgium	2006
Belize	2006
Benin	2005
Bhutan	2004
Burundi	2004
Canada	2006
Chile	2004
China	2004
Colombia	2006
Congo	2005
Cuba	2005
Ecuador	2005
El Salvador	2004
Finland	2004
France	2005
Germany	2005
Ghana	2004
Greece	2005
Guatemala	2004
Hungary	2004
India	2004
Indonesia	2006
Ireland	2005
Italy	2006
Jamaica	2005
Japan	2005
Kenya	2005
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2004
Malaysia	2005
Mauritius	2006
Mozambique	2005
Namibia	2006

	Term expires on 31 December
Nicaragua	2005
Nigeria	2006
Panama	2006
Poland	2006
Qatar	2004
Republic of Korea	2006
Russian Federation	2004
Saudi Arabia	2005
Senegal	2005
Sweden	2004
Tunisia	2006
Turkey	2005
Ukraine	2004
United Arab Emirates	2006
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2004
United Republic of Tanzania	2006
United States of America	2006
Zimbabwe	2004